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Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa,

Thank you for answering all my questions in the last couple of days. I have a few more questions, not surprisingly. A couple of these I pinged you about yesterday, but I imagine they got lost in the shuffle.

It might be best if you could put us on the phone to talk through some of these questions, though I realize it's an all hands on deck kind of situation right now for you all, so perhaps tomorrow might be better. In any case, would you be able to get back to us on these as soon as you're able? These are questions from me, Dan Frosch in Colorado and Alexandra Berzon based in L.A. We're the main reporters working on this. I can be reached on my cell phone today at 202.906.9629.

Thanks much.

1. Will President Obama declare emergencies in the affected states to open up federal disaster funding?
2. Regarding the hiatus into similar “field investigation work,” approximately how many mines does this affect?
3. Does this hiatus just apply to hardrock mines, or other kinds too?
4. How much has EPA spent on cleaning up abandoned mines since, well, as far back as your data goes?
5. Relatedly, do you have any estimates on costs to plug the rest?
6. How much have you spent approximately on this particular cleanup?
7. We've learned that this particular EPA cleanup project to plug the mines in the Animas watershed, including Gold King & Sunnyside, cost \$1.5 million and began in July. Can you

confirm that?

8. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What's your response to that?

Best,

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